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INTRODUCED IN WORKING GROUP APRIL 26. MISSION WILL REPORT OTHER
DEVELOPMENTS SEPTTEL.

SOME INFORMAL VIEWS OF THE DELEGATIONS OF THE GROUP OF 77
IN THE WORKING GROUP OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE RESTRUCTURING

OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM

I THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. IN FUFFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE CHARTER, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS, SHOULD BE INCREASED BY:
 - (A) REAFFIRMING AND UTILIZING ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS AS THE HIGHEST POLICY-MAKING AND NEGOTIATING FORUM, PARTICULARLY WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING ITS ROLE IN MONETARY, TRADE AND FINANCIAL FIELDS;
 - (B) CONSIDERING ANY QUESTION OR ANY MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE CHARTER RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CO-OPERATION;
 - (C) ASSIGNING SUBJECTS, WHERE NECESSARY, TO OTHER FORA FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND RECEIVING THE RESULTS THEREOF;
 - (D) EXAMINING AND EVALUATING THE ACTIVITIES IN THE OTHER FORA;
 - (E) PLAYING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN DEFINING GENERAL POLICIES FOR ALL OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;
 - (F) CONVENING CAREFULLY PLANNED AND PREPARED SPECIAL SESSIONS TO DEAL WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS OR GROUPS OF PROBLEMS; AND
 - (G) RATIONALIZING THE METHODS OF WORK AND THE AGENDA BY, INTER ALIA, ORGANIZING THE AGENDA AROUND MEANINGFUL CLUSTERS OF ISSUES.

II THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

2. IN EXERCISING ITS FUNCTIONS AND POWERS UNDER THE CHARTER AND FULFILLING THE ROLE DEFINED IN SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR 2626 (XXV), PARAGRAPH 83; 3202(S-VI), CHAPTER IX, PARAGRAPH 3 AND 3506 (XXX), THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD BE SO ORGANIZED AS TO FUNCTION CONTINUOUSLY AND SHOULD MAKE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON AND CO-ORDINATE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - (A) ALL MATTERS CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION;UNCLASSIFIED

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- (B) POLICY ISSUES IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELATED FIELDS ON SECTORAL AND GLOBAL BASIS;
 - (C) OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
 - (D) SPECIFIC SUBJECTS;
3. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ORGANIZE ITS PROGRAMME OF WORK ON A BIENNIAL BASIS PROVIDING FOR SHORTER BUT MORE FREQUENT SUBJECT-ORIENTED MEETINGS;
4. THE COUNCIL SHOULD ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK OF THE FOLLOWING OF ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES WHICH WILL BE ACCORDINGLY DISCONTINUED;
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5. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED

NATIONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE ENABLED TO DO SO TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT;

6. THE COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD AN ANNUAL MEETING AT THE MINISTRIAL OR OTHER HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL TO REVIEW THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION.

III. OTHER UNITED NATIONS FORUMS FOR NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING UNCTAD AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANIS AND PROGRAMMES, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, I/ IAEA, AND AD HOC WORLD CONFERENCES

A. UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

7. UNCTAD NEEDS TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO AN EFFECTIVE INSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR DELIBERATION, NEGOTIATION AND REVIEW IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, MAINTAINING ITS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE WOULD BE A STEP TOWARDS THE FINAL OBJECTIVE OF CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE WORLD TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

8. THE VITAL FUNCTION OF UNCTAD AS A GENERATOR OF NEW IDEAS AND NEW POLICY APPROACHES SHOULD BE RETAINED AND STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO INCREASE ITS EFFECTIVENESS AS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ACCELERATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

9. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS A NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE NEGOTIATING FUNCTION OF UNCTAD IN ORDER TO ENABLE UNCTAD TO PLAY ITS FULL PART IN TRANSLATING PRINCIPLES AND POLICY GUIDELINES, INCLUDING THOSE ENUNCIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INTO SPECIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICIES AND CONCRETE AGREEMENTS, AND TO MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

10. THE COMPETENCE OF UNCTAD (THE CONFERENCE, THE BOARD AND THE SECRETARIAT) SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE NEED FOR IT TO EVOLVE INTO AN EFFECTIVE CENTRAL NEGOTIATING ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO DEAL WITH ISSUES IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND THEREBY DIRECTLY ASSIST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS EFFORTS TO REALIZE THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THUS, UNCTAD WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE AN OVERVIEW OF NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED ELSEWHERE IN RESPECT OF ISSUES CONCERNING TRADE AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION. IN CONSEQUENCE OF ITS CROSS-SECTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES, UNCTAD WOULD ALSO ASSIST THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY KEEPING UNDER REVIEW THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE RELEVANT PROBLEM AREAS AND THE MEASURES PROPOSED IN RELATION THERETO, AND BY MAKING APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES, THE NECESSARY ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES IN RESPECT OF THE MACHINERY OF UNCTAD, INCLUDING THOSE SET OUT BELOW, SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN UNCTAD'S DECISION-MAKING AND NEGOTIATING CAPACITY. MOREOVER, THE NAME OF UNCTAD SHOULD BE CHANGED TO DESCRIBE MORE ACCURATELY ITS

CHARACTER AS THE ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

12. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD SHOULD BE
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF UNCTAD.

13. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD RESOLUTION
45 (VII), PARAGRAPH 9, AND UNCTAD RESOLUTION 80 (III), PARAGRAPH
8, WHICH ENVISAGES THE HOLDING OF SESSIONS OF THE BOARD AT
A MINISTERIAL LEVEL, THE BOARD SHOULD MEET IN MINISTERIAL SESSIONS
ONCE BETWEEN THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SESSIONS OF THE
CONFERENCE. AFTER THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, THE
BOARD SHOULD MEET AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL EVERY TWO YEARS
UNLESS IT DECIDES OTHERWISE. SUCH A MINISTERIAL SESSION
SHOULD NORMALLY NOT LAST MORE THAN ONE WEEK AND SHOULD BE PRECEDED
BY A MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY
PREPARATIONS.

B. OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND PROGRAMMES, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
(INCLUDING GATT), IAEA AND AD HOC WORLD CONFERENCES

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14. THESE WILL SERVE AS FORUMS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL SECTORS WITHIN THEIR FIELDS OF COMPETENCE, TAKING FULL
ACCOUNT OF THE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

15. ALL ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
AND THE IAEA, INCLUDING GATT, THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY
FUND SHALL IMPLEMENT THE RELEVANT POLICY MEASURES LAID DOWN
BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

16. IN RESPECT OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THEIR SPECIFIC
SPHERES OF COMPETENCE, THESE FORUMS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE
OVER-ALL FRAMEWORK OF GLOBAL POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

17. AD HOC WORLD CONFERENCES MAY BE CONVENED TO DEAL WITH
SPECIFIC SUBJECTS.

IV. STRUCTURES FOR REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION

18. THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED
AND THEIR LEADERSHIP AT REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL LEVELS
BOTH IN THE FORMULATION OF REGIONAL
POLICY OPTIONS AND IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE ENHANCED.

19. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTRE AND THE REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE MUTUALLY REINFORCED: THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GLOBAL POLICY
DECISIONS OF THE MAJOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, SHOULD PROVIDE INPUTS FOR THE
RESEARCH, POLICY-MAKING AND OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS PERFORMED
AT THE CENTRE.

20. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE OF
CO-ORDINATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REGIONAL
COMMISSIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE SYSTEM AS A

WHILE SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND A CLOSER CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SHOULD BE WORKED OUT.

21. THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES FOR PROMOTING CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

22. TO BE ABLE TO IMPROVE THEIR EFFICIENCY, THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE MORE ADMINISTRATIVE AUTONOMY, GREATER FLEXIBILITY OF PROCEDURES AND ON MATTERS RELATED TO PERSONNEL AND STAFF RECRUITMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE STREAMLINING OF THEIR
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STRUCTURES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, IN PARTICULAR, THROUGH THE MERGING OR ABOLITION OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

23. GREATER CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORTS IS NECESSARY AT ALL LEVELS TO PROMOTE BETTER INTERREGIONAL CO-OPERATION. ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD BE CONTEMPLATED TO PERMIT EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES ON A PERMANENT BASIS (INTER ALIA: PERIODIC MEETINGS OF STAFF CONCERNED WITH SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES).

24. THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SHOULD ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AT THE INTERREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL LEVELS, IN PARTICULAR BE DEVOTING INCREASED EFFORTS TO THE NEW FORMS OF CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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V. OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

25. RESTRUCTURING OF THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE:
(A) AN INCREASED FLOW OF RESOURCES;
(B) REFLECTION OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES; AND
(C) OPTIMUM EFFICIENCY AND REDUCTION OF COSTS.

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VI. PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING AND EVALUATION

26. TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING AND EVALUATION FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS:
(A) THE APPROPRIATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND SECRETARIAT UNITS CHARGED WITH PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING SHOULD DEVELOP THEMATIC APPROACHES TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITIES SET BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
(B) THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION SHOULD BE DESIGNATED THE MAIN SUBSIDIARY ORGAN OF BOTH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, CO-ORDINATION AND EVALUATION AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY;
(C) THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION SHOULD CONSIST OF 21 MEMBER STATES NOMINATED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE MEMBER STATES TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE COMMITTEE AT A HIGH LEVEL OF EXPERTISE AND TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY OF THEIR REPRESENTATION, THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BEAR THE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES OF THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MEMBER STATE OF THE COMMITTEE;
(D) THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION SHOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE HARMONIZATION AND EVALUATION OF MEDIUM-TERM PLANS AND PROGRAMMES CARRIED OUT BY THE SYSTEM;
(E) IN EXERCISING ITS ROLE AND FUNCTIONS AS DEFINED BY RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY

THE PRIORITIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. TO ASSURE MORE ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE SIZE OF THE ACABQ SHOULD BE INCREASED TO 16 BY THE ADDITION OF ONE MEMBER EACH FROM ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA;

(F) THERE SHOULD BE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE CPC AND THE ACABQ AND THEY SHOULD HOLD JOINT MEETINGS WHENEVER NECESSARY.

VII. INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION

27. INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION AT THE SECRETARIAT LEVEL SHOULD BE AIMED NOT MERELY AT THE ELIMINATION OF OVERLAPPING AND DUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES BUT PRINCIPALLY AT INTEGRATING
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INPUTS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AT THE PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING STAGES AND AT PROMOTING CONCERTED ACTION AT THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE.

IT MUST BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR GLOBAL POLICY-MAKING AND CO-ORDINATION FUNCTIONS. TO THIS END INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

(A) THE CARRYING OUT OF THE NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, BY INTEGRATING THE RELEVANT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, TOGETHER WITH OPTIONS AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION;
(B) ENSURING THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION BY THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED

NATIONS SYSTEM OF POLICY GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES EMANATING FROM THOSE ORGANS;

(C) ENSURING THAT PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES ARE EFFICIENTLY PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE FULL UTILIZATION AND EFFECTIVE INTEGRATION OF THE PROGRAMME INPUTS AND EXPERTISE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE SYSTEM.

28. WHILE ALLOWING, IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, FOR SUCH AD HOC INTERSECRETARIAT MECHANISMS FOR SPECIFIC CONSULTATIVE PURPOSES, THE MACHINERY FOR INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION IN RESPECT OF BOTH RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS AND OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD CENTRE ON THE ACC UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND WITH THE PERSONAL PARTICIPATION OF THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS. WHILE CO-ORDINATION IN RESPECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF ITS FUNCTIONS, THE ACC SHOULD GIVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE TASKS MENTIONED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH.

29. THE COMPOSITION, AGENDA, FUNCTIONING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES OF THE ACC SHOULD BE ADJUSTED TO REFLECT THE PRIORITY CONCERNS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. THE SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY OF THE ACC SHOULD BE REPLACED BY

FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES CONCERNED AND GEARED TO THE POLICY AND PROGRAMMING PROCESS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
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COUNCIL.

30. THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE A FULL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE ACC IN ALL MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THEM. ISSUES AFFECTING INTERSECRETARIAT CO-ORDINATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THESE COMMISSIONS.
31. A MAJOR CONSIDERATION UNDERLYING ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERSECRETARIAT CO-ORDINATION SHOULD BE THE NEED TO FACILITATE CO-ORDINATION BY GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND THE STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION MECHANISMS.
32. IN REVIEWING THE RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE NECESSITY TO MAKE THESE AGENCIES FULLY RESPONSIVE TO POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES EMANATING FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD BE ENABLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OVER-ALL CO-ORDINATION TO EXERCISE FULLY ITS POWER UNDER ARTICLE 17(3) OF THE CHARTER.

VIII. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES

33. RECOGNIZING THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS, AND THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE MACHINERY THAT WOULD SUPPORT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR ENHANCED ROLE IN THESE FIELDS, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN IN RESTRUCTURING THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT;
(A) A NEW COMPREHENSIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING UNIT SHOULD BE CREATED. THIS UNIT WOULD TAKE OVER, INTER ALIA, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RELEVANT RESEARCH, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FUNCTIONS BEING PERFORMED BY THE SECTORAL UNITS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. THE UNIT WILL UNDERTAKE STAFF WORK FOR THE CO-ORDINATION MACHINERY REFERRED TO IN SECTION VII ON INTERAGENCY CO-ORDINATION. IN ADDITION TO ITS PRESENT MANDATE, THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADVICE TO THIS UNIT IN FORMULATING ITS WORK PROGRAMME;
(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SHOULD BE DIVESTED OF OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE EXAMINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
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DECISION TO BE TAKEN ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SECT.IV);

(C) THE FUNCTIONS OF SERVICING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS) AND THE FUNCTION OF FOLLOWING UP THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THOSE BODIES SHOULD BE MADE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A SINGLE UNIT;

(D) THE QUESTION OF THE LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT OF THE RESTRUCTURED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SECTORS, SHOULD BE EXAMINED.

(E) IN APPLYING THE PRINCIPLE OF STAFF RECRUITMENT ON AN EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS, DUE WEIGHT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE LEVEL OF POSTS FOR WHICH SUCH STAFF ARE RECRUITED;

(F) THE INFORMATION ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE POLICY DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL. THE OFFICE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION SHALL REPORT REGULARLY THROUGH THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1/ IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMITTEE THAT GATT IS TREATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AS A DE FACTO SPECIALIZED AGENCY. (SEE, INTER ALIA, E/SR. 1973.)

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